(*b*) if so, the number of candidates selected and the number that possessed legal qualifications among them?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) & (*b*) Candidates for appointment to the posts of Executive Officers of religious institutions are not selected by the Madras Public Service Commission as the posts are *not* under the Government. Candidates for appointment to these posts are selected by the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, subject to approval by the Government. In 1954, 183 candidates were selected, of whom 17 possess legal qualification.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any minimum qualifications are prescribed for the posts of Executive Officers of religious institutions?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: For officers of grades IV and V, the qualification is the minimum general educational qualification prescribed for entrance to Government service, and for grade VI a pass in the III form is necessary.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Is the quota for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes adhered to in the selection?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: Attempts are being made to secure as many qualified candidates as possible from both these classes of people.

Higher Grade Teachers Training Schools

* 3050 *Q.*—SRI K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any praposal to abolish the "Higher Grade Teachers Training" Schools in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No such proposal is at present under the consideration of the Government. Policy regarding the future of these schools is one of the matters dealt with by the Elementary Education Committee, whose report is under examination.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: May I know whether the Government have taken any action on the report, pending full consideration of the report?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No interim action has been taken on any of the points referred to by the Committee. I am hoping it will be possible to place the report before this Legislature for discussion before I take any further action on it.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Is it a fact that the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has issued a circular to the

educational institutions that certain steps have to be taken with regard to instruction in Hindi based on the recommendations of the Alagappa Chettiar Committee's Report?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Instruction in Hindi has nothing to do with the Alagappa Chettiar Committee's Report. It is an independent matter on which we have to take a decision, and even with regard to that, we have not yet taken a final decision.

Payment of salaries to Government and Local Boards' employees

* 3051 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, whether the recent order issued by the Government in regard to the payment of salaries to employees of Government and Local Boards before the celebration of Onam in Malabar applies also to the aided elementary school teachers in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know why this discrimination is made against aided elementary school teachers, while those whose salaries are paid directly by the Government are paid before the Onam celebration?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No discrimination has been made. Aided elementary school teachers are not Government servants, while the others are Government servants. Only the mode of payment to Government servants has been altered.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Is it not a fact that the Government give grants and that the aided elementary school teachers are paid on the basis of the grants?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do agree. But whatever is applicable to Government servants cannot be made applicable to aided elementary school teachers who are not governed by the Government Servants' Conduct Rules. If we take a decision that aided elementary schools also should be taken over by the Government, then the teachers employed therein will become Government servants. But there is bound to be some difference till we take such a decision.

Geological survey

* 3052 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Government propose to start a State-wide geological survey; and

(*b*) whether any special administrative machinery has been set up for the purpose?